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Biomass and length distribution for roughhead grenadier, thorny skate and white hake from the surveys conducted by Spain in NAFO 3NO

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Abstract

Data for roughhead grenadier (*Macrourus berglax*), thorny skate (*Amblyraja radiata*) and white hake (*Urophycis tenuis*) from the Spanish Spring survey are presented. Abundance and biomass were estimated for roughhead grenadier and thorny skate for the period 1997-2014 and for white hake for the period 2001-2014. The length distribution is presented as numbers per haul stratified mean catches for the last five years (2010-2014). The roughhead grenadier indices showed no discernible trend until 2012, reaching a maximum in 2004 - 2006 and afterwards stabilised at levels slightly higher than in the early years. In the last two years a decline was appreciated in the indices, reaching in 2014 one of the lowest values of the entire time-series. Thorny skate indices follow a large oscillating trend, dropping in 2007 and being since then more or less stables at a low level, reaching the minimum of the series in 2014. White hake indices were highest in 2001 and then showed an overall decreasing trend until 2008 with low values. Indices increased since then until 2013 but declined again in 2014. A small recruitment event was detected in 2005 and in 2013, with individuals between 16 - 26 cm.

Material and Methods

Spain has carried out a survey in Div. 3NO of the NAFO Regulatory Area, in late Spring, since 1995. To this purpose, the vessel C/V *Playa de Menguña*, equipped with a bottom trawl net type *Pedreira* was used until 2001, when it was replaced by the R/V *Vizconde de Eza* with a bottom trawl net type *Campelen*. The technical specifications and geometry of these gears, their rigging profile and the net plan, and an abstract with the survey technical information are described in Walsh *et al.*, 2001. The number of valid tows, the depth strata covered and survey dates for the period 1997-2014 are shown in Table 1. The survey area was stratified following the standard stratification schemes (Bishop, 1994). The number of hauls was assigned to each stratum proportionally to their size on a random way, with a minimum of two planned hauls per stratum (Doubleday, 1981). Biomass and abundance indices were calculated by swept area method (Cochran, 1997), assuming a catchability factor of 1. The swept area and number of hauls by stratum for the last five years (2010-2014) are presented in Table 2. To know the results of the rest of the years, see González-Troncoso *et al.* (2013).

The catch of each haul is sorted and weighted by species and a sample of each species is length measured. For roughhead grenadier, pre-anal length in 0.5 cm intervals to the inferior 0.5 cm is taken. Thorny skate and

white hake are measured to the nearest lower cm of total length. This paper presents the 1997-2013 indices for roughhead grenadier and thorny skate. Years 1995 and 1996 are not representative as the deeper strata were not surveyed those years, thus they are excluded from the analysis. White hake data are only available since 2001.

The indices are presented for each species, transformed until 2000 and no-transformed for the period 2002-2013. Total biomass and stratified mean catches and numbers per year, with annual variance, are presented for the entire period. Indices by strata and length distribution are presented for 2009-2013. To see the results of the rest of the years, see González-Troncoso *et al.* (2013). For 2001 there are both transformed data from C/V *Playa de Menduiña* and original data from R/V *Vizconde de Eza*. White hake data did not need calibration (González Troncoso and Paz, 2005). Further information about the calculation of these indices is available in González Troncoso *et al.* (2005).

Figure 1 presents the maps with the distribution of the catches of the three species during the 2014 Spanish 3NO survey.

Results

Roughhead grenadier

There is no directed fishery for roughhead grenadier. Most of the catches are taken as by-catch in the Greenland halibut fishery in Subareas 2 and 3. At the beginning of the Greenland halibut fishery in Subarea 3 of the Regulatory Area in 1988, grenadier catches were systematically misreported as roundnose grenadier. There are no surveys indices available covering the total distribution, in depth and area, of this stock. According to other information this species is predominant at depths ranging from 800 to 1 500 m. Grenadier biomass shows a stable or decreasing trend in recent years. Good recruitment is indicated in 2012 but indices of recruitments have high uncertainty (NAFO, 2014).

Mean Catches and Biomass

Mean catch and SD of roughhead grenadier by stratum are presented in Table 3 and biomass in Table 4 for the period 2010-2014. Total biomass and stratified mean catches and SD by year are presented in Table 5 for 1997-2014. The estimated parameters *a* and *b* values of length-weight relationship are presented in Table 6 for the last five years.

The roughhead grenadier biomass fluctuated with no clear trend between 1997 (3 340 t) and 2012 (8 027 t), reaching the highest values in 2004, 2005 and 2006 (> 10 000 t), and then decreased since 2012 to 2014 (3 622 t). Note that lowest values were found in 1997 and 2014 (Table 5; Figures 2 and 3). Same trend was found for mean catches.

Length Distribution

Table 7 and Figures 2 and 4 present the mean number for 1997-2013, and Table 8 the same index by length besides the sampled size and catch for the period 2010-2014. Results are presented in length intervals of 1 cm. The 1998 cohort is easily followed, but it has started to disappear over the past years. Recruitment seems to be good recently, although all the length classes were poor, specially the largest (Figures 4 and 5). The mean number presents the same trend as the mean catch (Table 7 and Figure 2).

Thorny skate

Thorny skate catches comprises the most of the skates catches during the Spanish Spring survey and the Canadian surveys. This species has been managed with a TAC since 2004. Nominal catches increased in the mid-1980s with the beginning of a directed fishery, reaching a minimum during the period 1993-1995. Biomass was relatively stable from 1996 to 2004, but maintaining lower values than in the mid-1980s. During recent years the biomass has increased slightly. Recruitment was below average from 1997 to 2007. Recruitment has been above average during 2010-2013 (NAFO, 2014).

Mean Catches and Biomass

Mean catch and SD per stratum are presented in Table 9 for 2010-2014, and biomass by stratum in Table 10. Total annual biomass and stratified mean catches per tow by year, next to their SD, are presented in Table 11 for the entire period. The estimated parameters a and b values of length-weight relationship for 2010-2014 are presented in Table 12.

Thorny skate indices oscillated since 1997 (9 779 t) to a minimum value found in 2014 (6 624 t). Highest values were found in 2000 (50 521 t) and in 2006 (47 415 t) (Table 11; Figures 6 and 7).

Length Distribution

Total mean number per tow by year for the period 1997-2014 is shown in Table 13 and Figure 8. Length distribution by sex and year, sample size and catch for the period 2010-2014 are presented in Table 14 and Figures 8 and 9. The recruitment modal value was in 1997 and can be roughly followed until 2014. A second modal value at small lengths starting in 1998 can be roughly followed throughout years, reaching a maximum in 2002. Recruitment was also quite good in 2002, but this cohort is not seen in following years. All length classes have been poorer than usual over the last years, but recruitment was quite good in 2010 when all the length classes had more or less the same level. In 2014 all the length classes were very poor. The mean number presents the same trend as the mean catch (Table 13 and Figure 6).

White hake

Catches of white hake in Div. 3NO peaked in 1987 and then declined until 1994, with non-Canadian landings dropping to 0 following by fishing restriction for foreign countries in 1992. Average catch reached a minimum in 1995-2001, increased in 2002 and 2003 and declined sharply in 2004-2007. The 1999 year-class was large and prompted the 2000 stock biomass increase, but following cohorts have been very small in comparison. The stock biomass remains at relatively low levels. No large recruitments have been observed since 2000 (NAFO, 2014).

Mean catches and biomass

Mean catch and SD per stratum are presented in Table 15 for years 2010-2014. Table 16 shows the biomass per stratum for the same period. Table 17 presents the total biomass and the stratified mean catch per tow by year, as well as the annual variance, for 2001-2014. Prior to 2001 there is no available data from the survey for this species. In Table 18 the length weight relationship parameters for the period 2010-2014 are shown.

Biomass index for white hake presented the highest value in 2001 (3 498 t), then it dropped in 2002 (1 784 t). Since then until 2008, it showed an overall decreasing trend with low values between 2 082 t in 2005 and a lower value of 74 t in 2008, increasing since then to 1 053 t in 2013. In 2014 the biomass decreased to 389 t (Table 17; Figures 10 and 11).

Length distribution

Table 19 presents the mean number per tow by year for 2001-2014. The length distribution by sex and year, number of samples, sample size, sampled catch, length range, total catch and numbers of hauls can be seen in Table 20 for years 2010-2014. White hake was not sexed in 2011.

Individuals within the length range 30-38 cm were very abundant in 2001 and can be followed the next years, but by 2006 can hardly be seen. A small recruitment events were detected in 2005 and in 2013, with individuals between 16 - 26 cm. All year classes have been poor in 2006-2011 and 2014. In 2012 a slight increase in the lengths between 40-44 cm can be seen, corresponding to 48-52 cm in 2013. The mean number presents the same trend as the mean catch (Figures 12 and 13).

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Table 1. Spanish spring bottom trawl surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014

Year	Vessel	Valid tows	Depth strata covered (m)	Dates
1997	<i>C/V Playa de Menguíña</i>	128	42-1263	April 26-May 18
1998	<i>C/V Playa de Menguíña</i>	124	42-1390	May 06-May 26
1999	<i>C/V Playa de Menguíña</i>	114	41-1381	May 07-May 26
2000	<i>C/V Playa de Menguíña</i>	118	42-1401	May 07-May 28
2001 ^(*)	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	83	36-1156	May 03-May 24
	<i>C/V Playa de Menguíña</i>	121	40-1500	May 05-May 23
2002	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	125	38-1540	April 29-May 19
2003	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	118	38-1666	May 11-June 02
2004	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	120	43-1539	June 06-June 24
2005	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	119	47-1485	June 10-June 29
2005	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	119	47-1485	June 10-June 29
2006	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	120	45-1480	June 7-June 27
2007	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	110	45-1374	May 29-June 19
2008	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	122	45-1374	May 27-June 16
2009	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	109	45-1374	May 31-June 18
2010	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	95	45-1374	May 30-June 18
2011	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	122	44-1450	June 5-June 24
2012	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	122	44-1450	June 3-June 21
2013	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	122	44-1450	June 1-June 21
2014	<i>R/V Vizconde de Eza</i>	122	44-1450	June 2-June 21

(*) A total of 83 hauls from the *R/V Vizconde de Eza* and 40 hauls from the *C/V Playa de Menguíña* (123 hauls in total) were used for data analysis.

Table 2 Swept area and number of hauls by stratum. Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014.
Swept area in square miles. n.s. means stratum not surveyed.

Stratum	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Swept area	Tow number	Swept area	Tow number	Swept area	Tow number	Swept area	Tow number	Swept area	Tow number
353	0.0225	2	0.0349	3	0.0338	3	0.0349	3	0.0379	3
354	0.0225	2	0.0345	3	0.0338	3	0.0338	3	0.0394	3
355	0.0229	2	0.0233	2	0.0229	2	0.0225	2	0.0263	2
356	0.0225	2	0.0229	2	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0266	2
357	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0229	2	0.0236	2	0.0263	2
358	0.0225	2	0.0345	3	0.0330	3	0.0338	3	0.0390	3
359	0.0705	6	0.0806	7	0.0806	7	0.0829	7	0.0908	7
360	0.1628	14	0.2374	20	0.2344	20	0.2231	19	0.2629	20
374	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0229	2	0.0233	2	0.0259	2
375	0.0364	3	0.0360	3	0.0349	3	0.0360	3	0.0390	3
376	0.0788	7	0.1178	10	0.1181	10	0.1305	11	0.1324	10
377	0.0233	2	0.0233	2	0.0229	2	0.0236	2	0.0259	2
378	0.0225	2	0.0240	2	0.0229	2	0.0225	2	0.0263	2
379	0.0229	2	0.0221	2	0.0225	2	0.0240	2	0.0255	2
380	0.0236	2	0.0229	2	0.0229	2	0.0229	2	0.0263	2
381	0.0244	2	0.0233	2	0.0221	2	0.0244	2	0.0259	2
382	0.0233	2	0.0450	4	0.0454	4	0.0484	4	0.0521	4
721	0.0225	2	0.0229	2	0.0233	2	0.0225	2	0.0266	2
722	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0221	2	0.0221	2	0.0259	2
723	0.0225	2	0.0218	2	0.0225	2	0.0221	2	0.0259	2
724	0.0229	2	0.0233	2	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0255	2
725	0.0233	2	0.0240	2	0.0225	2	0.0229	2	0.0255	2
726	0.0233	2	0.0225	2	0.0221	2	0.0221	2	0.0248	2
727	0.0240	2	0.0225	2	0.0233	2	0.0229	2	0.0259	2
728	0.0240	2	0.0229	2	0.0229	2	0.0233	2	0.0248	2
752	0.0240	2	0.0236	2	0.0229	2	0.0233	2	0.0240	2
753	n.s.	n.s.	0.0225	2	0.0221	2	0.0236	2	0.0240	2
754	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0221	2	0.0240	2	0.0225	2
755	0.0120	1	0.0454	4	0.0446	4	0.0454	4	0.0454	4
756	0.0225	2	0.0206	2	0.0221	2	0.0229	2	0.0229	2
757	0.0221	2	0.0236	2	0.0214	2	0.0240	2	0.0244	2
758	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0221	2	0.0225	2	0.0221	2
759	0.0225	2	0.0218	2	0.0221	2	0.0225	2	0.0229	2
760	0.0225	2	0.0214	2	0.0225	2	0.0229	2	0.0364	3
761	0.0229	2	0.0236	2	0.0221	2	0.0225	2	0.0240	2
762	0.0229	2	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0218	2	0.0229	2
763	n.s.	n.s.	0.0349	3	0.0330	3	0.0341	3	0.0233	2
764	n.s.	n.s.	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0214	2	0.0259	2
765	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0229	2	0.0221	2	0.0240	2
766	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0225	2	0.0221	2	0.0221	2
767	n.s.	n.s.	0.0233	2	0.0203	2	0.0218	2	0.0221	2

Table 3. Roughhead grenadier mean catch (kg) and SD by stratum. Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. n.s. means stratum not surveyed.

Stratum	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	R. grenadier Mean catch	R. grenadier SD	R. grenadier Mean catch	R. grenadier SD	R. grenadier Mean catch	R. grenadier SD	R. grenadier Mean catch	R. grenadier SD	R. grenadier Mean catch	R. grenadier SD
353	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
354	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
355	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
356	0.11	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
357	3.87	3.50	7.24	10.05	8.39	3.24	2.33	1.65	0.00	0.00
358	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.53	1.47	2.54	0.91	1.57	0.00	0.00
359	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
360	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
374	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
375	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
376	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
377	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
378	1.19	1.68	0.44	0.62	2.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
379	17.11	1.62	1.93	0.99	8.22	3.51	13.66	12.96	2.95	2.21
380	25.55	0.21	53.85	58.20	8.30	6.04	9.39	3.60	7.71	6.99
381	0.18	0.25	119.68	136.08	2.47	3.49	5.40	7.64	0.00	0.00
382	0.00	0.00	7.48	14.95	0.27	0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
721	1.04	0.50	0.83	0.40	2.02	0.86	0.29	0.41	0.00	0.00
722	3.52	2.23	1.85	0.77	8.63	10.28	7.76	8.49	0.64	0.03
723	4.12	0.21	3.63	0.05	10.45	9.96	5.19	0.26	2.59	1.61
724	5.18	0.84	3.33	4.52	5.35	1.69	10.39	0.90	1.82	1.34
725	10.95	3.04	8.92	7.81	13.53	5.63	5.60	0.83	3.94	1.11
726	41.60	18.95	21.87	20.26	30.81	13.02	27.51	3.17	12.28	6.63
727	12.45	1.34	6.80	1.28	8.15	2.49	22.39	18.26	3.34	1.48
728	19.71	7.63	6.26	0.50	10.39	9.21	16.31	11.29	24.52	1.29
752	80.55	70.22	4.56	3.32	11.15	1.34	4.83	4.11	22.82	27.66
753	n.s.	n.s.	35.40	45.07	76.91	98.85	30.85	42.46	9.80	8.68
754	69.06	94.82	11.42	4.15	42.59	9.25	59.78	42.87	20.96	26.26
755	10.44	-	14.55	11.44	52.28	26.15	24.14	18.70	18.79	11.03
756	9.18	5.20	40.31	53.81	57.00	8.77	20.34	12.95	61.06	55.36
757	11.81	0.84	42.74	11.74	156.42	48.62	28.18	33.58	6.82	8.95
758	8.69	1.76	12.36	14.74	25.56	2.90	19.34	3.10	25.57	25.70
759	14.24	7.30	6.93	7.50	16.33	7.16	40.76	5.78	7.58	3.16
760	6.66	4.97	16.44	21.69	2.31	3.27	5.92	0.94	8.66	4.98
761	90.08	121.09	7.83	1.08	6.67	3.75	4.76	6.34	15.56	13.73
762	24.26	19.01	33.37	21.68	29.68	21.80	12.39	4.62	24.15	17.96
763	n.s.	n.s.	10.09	8.23	5.94	6.08	17.93	13.97	6.23	1.59
764	n.s.	n.s.	9.60	13.06	1.37	1.93	4.89	1.58	1.86	2.62
765	1.85	1.82	1.68	1.84	2.48	2.59	3.83	4.79	0.00	0.00
766	1.98	1.43	3.11	3.25	1.25	0.92	2.08	1.15	0.71	0.98
767	n.s.	n.s.	2.41	1.16	0.72	0.02	2.05	1.27	1.31	1.25

Table 4. Roughhead grenadier survey biomass (t) by stratum in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. n.s. means stratum not surveyed.

Strata	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Strata	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
353	0	0	0	0	0	725	99	78	126	51	32
354	0	0	0	0	0	726	258	140	200	179	71
355	0	0	0	0	0	727	100	58	67	188	25
356	0	0	0	0	0	728	128	43	71	109	155
357	56	105	120	32	0	752	879	51	128	54	249
358	0	6	30	18	0	753	0	434	959	360	113
359	0	0	0	0	0	754	1105	183	693	897	335
360	0	0	0	0	0	755	335	494	1804	819	638
374	0	0	0	0	0	756	82	395	520	180	539
375	0	0	0	0	0	757	109	369	1493	239	57
376	0	0	0	0	0	758	76	109	229	170	229
377	0	0	0	0	0	759	161	81	187	460	84
378	15	5	29	0	0	760	91	237	32	80	110
379	159	18	77	121	25	761	1347	113	103	72	222
380	208	452	70	79	56	762	450	629	559	242	448
381	2	1482	32	64	0	763	0	227	141	411	140
382	0	228	8	0	0	764	0	85	12	46	14
721	6	5	11	2	0	765	20	19	27	43	0
722	26	14	66	59	4	766	25	40	16	27	9
723	57	52	144	73	31	767	0	33	11	30	19
724	56	36	59	114	18						

Table 5. Roughhead grenadier survey biomass (t) with SD and stratified mean catch per tow (kg) and SD by in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014.

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Biomass	3340	6922	4357	7000	5568	4968	6860	11402	10064
SD	290	644	431	807	700	1365	1316	2043	1236
MCPT	3.81	7.05	4.53	7.08	5.73	5.46	7.40	12.09	11.10
SD	0.31	0.61	0.45	0.85	0.77	1.51	1.42	2.17	1.38

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Biomass	10010	5760	7521	8193	5850	6219	8027	5220	3622
SD	1716	695	1028	286	1773	1508	1073	753	628
MCPT	11.11	6.93	7.93	9.15	6.97	6.82	8.59	5.81	4.08
SD	1.89	0.83	1.11	0.40	2.10	1.61	1.18	0.85	0.70

Table 6. Roughhead grenadier length weight relationships in Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. E(x) means Error of the parameter x.

Males							Females						Total					
	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N
2010	0.08245	3.00029	0.2275	0.0892	0.968	210	0.1225	2.8545	0.0986	0.0341	0.992	449	0.1506	2.7834	0.135	0.0492	0.982	665
2011	0.17321	2.75079	0.1574	0.062	0.982	415	0.1350	2.8396	0.0955	0.0334	0.992	769	0.1368	2.8363	0.0727	0.0263	0.995	1210
2012	0.29835	2.55865	0.1689	0.0654	0.988	551	0.1725	2.7562	0.0689	0.0242	0.998	1032	0.3390	2.5323	0.0919	0.0339	0.994	1614
2013	0.11695	2.86549	0.0803	0.0318	0.996	478	0.1103	2.8903	0.0447	0.0155	0.998	982	0.1315	2.8331	0.0474	0.0169	0.998	1580
2014	0.16008	2.78188	0.1341	0.0552	0.985	352	0.1353	2.8351	0.06	0.021	0.997	661	0.1564	2.7873	0.0401	0.0145	0.998	1038

Table 7. Roughhead grenadier mean number per tow by year in Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014. Indet. means indeterminate.

	1997				1998				1999				2000				2001			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	3.654	5.191	0.000	8.845	8.176	9.385	0.039	17.600	7.712	9.565	0.033	17.309	10.087	13.633	0.050	23.770	8.149	9.677	0.125	17.952
	2002				2003				2004				2005				2006			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	4.352	7.622	0.090	12.063	8.655	11.875	0.108	20.638	11.623	16.579	0.763	28.964	9.762	15.641	0.403	25.807	8.775	13.935	0.152	22.862
	2007				2008				2009				2010				2011			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	5.432	8.365	0.744	14.541	5.260	8.890	0.073	14.223	5.072	11.265	0.372	16.709	4.238	7.705	0.367	12.310	3.923	6.787	0.174	10.884
	2012				2013				2014											
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total								
MNPT	5.115	10.678	0.304	16.097	3.481	6.879	0.780	11.139	2.169	4.139	0.266	6.574								

Table 8. Roughhead grenadier mean number per tow by length class and year. Spanish Spring Survey in NAFO 3NO: 2010-2014. Indet. means indeterminate.

Length (cm.)	2010				2011				2012				2013				2014			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
1.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2.5	0.000	0.000	0.151	0.151	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.083	0.083	0.000	0.000	0.026	0.026	0.005	0.000	0.008	0.013
3.5	0.041	0.007	0.209	0.257	0.005	0.005	0.148	0.158	0.000	0.000	0.178	0.178	0.032	0.018	0.606	0.656	0.010	0.005	0.171	0.185
4.5	0.011	0.011	0.000	0.022	0.006	0.000	0.014	0.020	0.025	0.025	0.026	0.077	0.007	0.008	0.075	0.091	0.008	0.000	0.064	0.072
5.5	0.074	0.045	0.007	0.125	0.027	0.013	0.000	0.040	0.183	0.162	0.007	0.352	0.060	0.054	0.031	0.144	0.044	0.035	0.023	0.102
6.5	0.461	0.334	0.000	0.795	0.070	0.069	0.000	0.139	0.452	0.668	0.000	1.120	0.152	0.121	0.038	0.310	0.134	0.125	0.000	0.259
7.5	0.102	0.075	0.000	0.177	0.043	0.052	0.000	0.095	0.186	0.162	0.000	0.348	0.039	0.078	0.000	0.117	0.024	0.017	0.000	0.041
8.5	0.132	0.059	0.000	0.191	0.152	0.149	0.000	0.301	0.227	0.298	0.000	0.526	0.247	0.328	0.004	0.580	0.125	0.050	0.000	0.175
9.5	0.087	0.131	0.000	0.218	0.141	0.141	0.000	0.282	0.221	0.406	0.000	0.627	0.195	0.364	0.000	0.559	0.100	0.072	0.000	0.172
10.5	0.164	0.300	0.000	0.464	0.048	0.087	0.000	0.134	0.450	0.462	0.000	0.912	0.212	0.238	0.000	0.450	0.135	0.186	0.000	0.321
11.5	0.173	0.229	0.000	0.403	0.067	0.103	0.013	0.183	0.304	0.433	0.000	0.737	0.167	0.284	0.000	0.452	0.108	0.146	0.000	0.254
12.5	0.166	0.200	0.000	0.366	0.122	0.126	0.000	0.248	0.216	0.338	0.000	0.555	0.212	0.317	0.000	0.530	0.094	0.124	0.000	0.218
13.5	0.301	0.301	0.000	0.602	0.274	0.276	0.000	0.550	0.334	0.408	0.000	0.742	0.178	0.295	0.000	0.473	0.175	0.144	0.000	0.319
14.5	0.282	0.413	0.000	0.696	0.260	0.380	0.000	0.640	0.418	0.446	0.000	0.864	0.237	0.314	0.000	0.551	0.134	0.176	0.000	0.309
15.5	0.444	0.424	0.000	0.868	0.472	0.337	0.000	0.808	0.471	0.584	0.000	1.055	0.211	0.287	0.000	0.498	0.203	0.162	0.000	0.365
16.5	0.593	0.461	0.000	1.055	0.574	0.507	0.000	1.081	0.489	0.568	0.000	1.057	0.330	0.437	0.000	0.767	0.237	0.250	0.000	0.487
17.5	0.491	0.520	0.000	1.011	0.598	0.419	0.000	1.017	0.476	0.553	0.000	1.029	0.430	0.361	0.000	0.791	0.194	0.215	0.000	0.409
18.5	0.259	0.529	0.000	0.789	0.547	0.522	0.000	1.069	0.309	0.445	0.000	0.754	0.275	0.361	0.000	0.636	0.144	0.248	0.000	0.392
19.5	0.254	0.246	0.000	0.500	0.254	0.520	0.000	0.774	0.171	0.594	0.000	0.765	0.219	0.339	0.000	0.558	0.127	0.261	0.000	0.389
20.5	0.052	0.321	0.000	0.374	0.148	0.540	0.000	0.689	0.085	0.421	0.000	0.506	0.122	0.368	0.000	0.490	0.078	0.118	0.000	0.196
21.5	0.068	0.256	0.000	0.324	0.067	0.283	0.000	0.350	0.018	0.531	0.000	0.549	0.058	0.318	0.000	0.376	0.051	0.228	0.000	0.279
22.5	0.020	0.270	0.000	0.290	0.032	0.208	0.000	0.239	0.037	0.401	0.000	0.438	0.039	0.244	0.000	0.283	0.028	0.230	0.000	0.258
23.5	0.016	0.321	0.000	0.337	0.000	0.282	0.000	0.282	0.029	0.297	0.000	0.326	0.015	0.212	0.000	0.226	0.000	0.209	0.000	0.209
24.5	0.035	0.354	0.000	0.388	0.014	0.271	0.000	0.286	0.007	0.360	0.000	0.368	0.030	0.217	0.000	0.247	0.000	0.139	0.000	0.139
25.5	0.000	0.476	0.000	0.476	0.000	0.350	0.000	0.350	0.007	0.353	0.000	0.360	0.005	0.192	0.000	0.197	0.000	0.192	0.000	0.192
26.5	0.000	0.436	0.000	0.436	0.000	0.307	0.000	0.307	0.000	0.412	0.000	0.412	0.000	0.193	0.000	0.193	0.000	0.111	0.000	0.111
27.5	0.011	0.335	0.000	0.346	0.000	0.269	0.000	0.269	0.000	0.387	0.000	0.387	0.000	0.203	0.000	0.203	0.010	0.133	0.000	0.143
28.5	0.000	0.201	0.000	0.201	0.000	0.207	0.000	0.207	0.000	0.380	0.000	0.380	0.000	0.148	0.000	0.148	0.000	0.157	0.000	0.157
29.5	0.000	0.201	0.000	0.201	0.000	0.163	0.000	0.163	0.000	0.210	0.000	0.210	0.010	0.208	0.000	0.218	0.000	0.136	0.000	0.136
30.5	0.000	0.095	0.000	0.095	0.000	0.102	0.000	0.102	0.000	0.111	0.000	0.111	0.000	0.112	0.000	0.112	0.000	0.124	0.000	0.124
31.5	0.000	0.061	0.000	0.061	0.000	0.042	0.000	0.042	0.000	0.102	0.000	0.102	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.093	0.000	0.059	0.000	0.059
32.5	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.029	0.000	0.029	0.000	0.069	0.000	0.069	0.000	0.053	0.000	0.053	0.000	0.056	0.000	0.056
33.5	0.000	0.028	0.000	0.028	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.037	0.000	0.037	0.000	0.054	0.000	0.054	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.021
34.5	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.035	0.000	0.035	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.010
35.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
36.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
37.5	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
38.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
39.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
40.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
41.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
42.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	4.238	7.705	0.367	12.310	3.923	6.787	0.174	10.884	5.115	10.678	0.304	16.097	3.481	6.879	0.780	11.139	2.169	4.139	0.266	6.574
N° samples:				48				62				57				58				50
N° Ind.:	580	1030	48	1658	470	859	27	1356	779	1572	49	2400	535	1051	131	1717	350	660	33	1043
Sampled catch:				929				862				1281				883				627
Range:				2-37.5				3-37				1.5-37.5				2.5-39				2.5-34.5
Total catch:				940				1049				1341				885				630
Total hauls:				95				122				122				122				122

Table 9. Thorny skate mean catch (kg) and SD by stratum. Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. n.s. means stratum not surveyed.

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Table 10. Thorny skate survey biomass (t) by stratum in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. n.s. means stratum not surveyed.

Strata	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Strata	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
353	781	503	388	578	600	725	42	21	0	17	18
354	437	486	1098	1268	151	726	45	13	0	22	0
355	168	180	71	38	18	727	231	79	46	23	86
356	90	93	187	206	210	728	36	0	82	76	27
357	31	118	58	70	271	752	0	0	0	0	0
358	432	305	137	566	126	753	n.s.	0	0	0	0
359	887	803	816	1095	145	754	0	0	0	0	0
360	8293	4271	13707	9483	1831	755	0	0	0	0	0
374	36	108	0	315	8	756	16	0	0	0	0
375	32	26	423	595	0	757	0	0	0	0	0
376	4782	1334	10564	4058	2425	758	0	0	0	0	0
377	61	67	138	75	0	759	0	0	35	0	0
378	336	224	241	122	75	760	37	0	0	0	29
379	39	195	62	17	47	761	42	0	74	0	0
380	466	934	257	152	133	762	0	0	0	0	0
381	2	252	99	108	279	763	n.s.	0	0	0	0
382	200	195	3	247	28	764	n.s.	0	60	45	0
721	161	41	97	310	77	765	0	0	10	0	0
722	19	42	43	40	40	766	0	0	0	0	0
723	75	43	169	114	0	767	n.s.	0	0	0	0
724	111	31	0	0	0						

Table 11. Thorny skate survey biomass (t) with SD and stratified mean catch per tow (kg) and SD by in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014.

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Biomass	9779	18875	35004	50521	34948	30072	20508	44429	40473
SD	1544	3114	3736	7991	10687	9699	2371	5281	6171
MCPT	11.57	20.41	40.79	57.86	39.23	33.69	22.27	49.46	45.69
SD	1.74	3.26	4.32	9.12	6.99	10.91	2.57	5.82	7.00

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Biomass	47415	22223	25946	19959	17887	10365	28867	19640	6624
SD	9207	2898	2641	2745	3539	1193	3010	2280	1008
MCPT	55.81	28.10	28.82	22.10	21.22	11.71	32.65	22.24	8.39
SD	11.22	3.57	2.92	3.13	4.11	1.32	3.38	2.63	1.26

Table 12. Thorny skate length weight relationships in Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. E(x) means Error of the parameter x.

Males							Females						Indet.					
	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N
2010	0.00830	3.03702	0.0793	0.0206	0.997	279	0.00756	3.06772	0.0807	0.0213	0.997	276	0.00821	3.04177	0.0674	0.0176	0.997	555
2011	0.00247	3.32621	0.4129	0.1021	0.957	186	0.00896	3.01571	0.1255	0.0309	0.995	176	0.00349	3.24375	0.3269	0.0827	0.964	362
2012	0.00875	3.01113	0.1202	0.0299	0.997	363	0.00758	3.01571	0.0967	0.0246	0.998	354	0.09190	3.00833	0.0919	0.0234	0.998	717
2013	0.01045	2.96645	0.0932	0.0231	0.996	357	0.00735	3.05973	0.1266	0.0315	0.994	359	0.00979	2.98369	0.0915	0.0229	0.996	716
2014	0.01493	2.89738	0.1439	0.0359	0.991	186	0.01202	2.94873	0.1055	0.0265	0.995	177	0.01218	2.94525	0.1019	0.0258	0.995	363

Table 13. Thorny skate mean number per tow by year in Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014. Indet. means indeterminate.

	1997				1998				1999				2000				2001			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	4.803	5.892	0.000	10.695	7.158	7.649	0.000	14.808	11.173	11.271	0.029	22.472	13.760	14.185	0.000	27.945	8.996	10.572	0.000	19.568
	2002				2003				2004				2005				2006			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	9.903	11.540	0.005	21.448	5.660	6.802	0.000	12.461	11.985	13.529	0.000	25.514	11.235	12.125	0.000	23.360	11.658	15.005	0.000	26.663
	2007				2008				2009				2010				2011			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	5.501	5.955	0.000	11.456	5.484	5.701	0.000	11.184	4.218	3.999	0.000	8.217	5.689	6.037	0.000	11.726	1.811	1.598	0.000	3.410
	2012				2013				2014											
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total								
MNPT	5.801	5.470	0.000	11.271	4.193	3.782	0.000	7.975	1.753	1.904	0.000	3.657								

Table 14. Thorny skate mean number per tow by length class and year. Spanish Spring Survey in NAFO 3NO: 2010-2014. Indet. means indeterminate.

Lenght (cm.)	2010				2011				2012				2013				2014			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
10	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
12	0.047	0.060	0.000	0.107	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.005	0.000	0.007	0.015	0.015	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
14	0.142	0.166	0.000	0.308	0.026	0.000	0.000	0.026	0.009	0.011	0.000	0.021	0.005	0.010	0.000	0.016	0.009	0.007	0.000	0.016
16	0.106	0.063	0.000	0.169	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.048	0.000	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.007
18	0.124	0.025	0.000	0.149	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.005	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.016
20	0.203	0.163	0.000	0.366	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
22	0.071	0.178	0.000	0.249	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.034	0.000	0.000	0.034	0.249	0.000	0.000	0.249	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
24	0.198	0.209	0.000	0.407	0.022	0.000	0.000	0.022	0.000	0.027	0.000	0.027	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.014	0.000	0.019
26	0.165	0.126	0.000	0.291	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.016	0.014	0.013	0.000	0.027	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015
28	0.113	0.066	0.000	0.179	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.014	0.014	0.000	0.028	0.034	0.019	0.000	0.053
30	0.053	0.186	0.000	0.239	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.041	0.069	0.000	0.110	0.047	0.008	0.000	0.055	0.033	0.036	0.000	0.069
32	0.229	0.279	0.000	0.508	0.028	0.021	0.000	0.049	0.053	0.045	0.000	0.098	0.064	0.014	0.000	0.078	0.029	0.070	0.000	0.099
34	0.161	0.290	0.000	0.451	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.012	0.018	0.082	0.000	0.100	0.014	0.015	0.000	0.029	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.023
36	0.144	0.214	0.000	0.358	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.164	0.000	0.223	0.036	0.071	0.000	0.107	0.055	0.074	0.000	0.128
38	0.240	0.300	0.000	0.540	0.011	0.008	0.000	0.020	0.101	0.115	0.000	0.215	0.134	0.105	0.000	0.239	0.013	0.035	0.000	0.048
40	0.147	0.234	0.000	0.381	0.026	0.057	0.000	0.083	0.205	0.182	0.000	0.387	0.148	0.134	0.000	0.282	0.048	0.051	0.000	0.099
42	0.167	0.152	0.000	0.319	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.198	0.242	0.000	0.440	0.096	0.166	0.000	0.261	0.069	0.104	0.000	0.173
44	0.223	0.144	0.000	0.367	0.011	0.021	0.000	0.032	0.156	0.182	0.000	0.338	0.136	0.193	0.000	0.329	0.081	0.122	0.000	0.203
46	0.218	0.193	0.000	0.411	0.025	0.023	0.000	0.048	0.114	0.165	0.000	0.279	0.144	0.165	0.000	0.309	0.089	0.076	0.000	0.165
48	0.116	0.177	0.000	0.293	0.006	0.013	0.000	0.019	0.139	0.164	0.000	0.303	0.111	0.148	0.000	0.259	0.074	0.108	0.000	0.182
50	0.045	0.098	0.000	0.143	0.068	0.000	0.000	0.068	0.180	0.144	0.000	0.324	0.074	0.137	0.000	0.212	0.100	0.059	0.000	0.158
52	0.083	0.139	0.000	0.222	0.045	0.032	0.000	0.077	0.157	0.161	0.000	0.318	0.060	0.092	0.000	0.152	0.029	0.065	0.000	0.094
54	0.125	0.147	0.000	0.272	0.000	0.032	0.000	0.032	0.197	0.198	0.000	0.395	0.084	0.075	0.000	0.159	0.082	0.058	0.000	0.140
56	0.165	0.242	0.000	0.407	0.038	0.015	0.000	0.053	0.120	0.251	0.000	0.371	0.230	0.101	0.000	0.331	0.099	0.113	0.000	0.212
58	0.156	0.079	0.000	0.234	0.031	0.031	0.000	0.062	0.258	0.086	0.000	0.344	0.077	0.096	0.000	0.174	0.028	0.039	0.000	0.067
60	0.113	0.253	0.000	0.366	0.083	0.023	0.000	0.106	0.109	0.102	0.000	0.211	0.033	0.071	0.000	0.105	0.043	0.041	0.000	0.085
62	0.091	0.254	0.000	0.345	0.049	0.087	0.000	0.136	0.207	0.134	0.000	0.341	0.124	0.072	0.000	0.195	0.075	0.072	0.000	0.148
64	0.157	0.343	0.000	0.500	0.075	0.062	0.000	0.137	0.179	0.289	0.000	0.469	0.063	0.111	0.000	0.174	0.096	0.108	0.000	0.204
66	0.168	0.140	0.000	0.308	0.096	0.180	0.000	0.276	0.193	0.266	0.000	0.459	0.127	0.154	0.000	0.281	0.032	0.041	0.000	0.073
68	0.169	0.165	0.000	0.333	0.061	0.112	0.000	0.173	0.180	0.359	0.000	0.539	0.105	0.231	0.000	0.336	0.057	0.107	0.000	0.164
70	0.358	0.151	0.000	0.509	0.038	0.185	0.000	0.223	0.168	0.470	0.000	0.638	0.133	0.339	0.000	0.473	0.037	0.095	0.000	0.132
72	0.158	0.179	0.000	0.337	0.192	0.156	0.000	0.348	0.317	0.411	0.000	0.728	0.156	0.310	0.000	0.466	0.101	0.064	0.000	0.165
74	0.191	0.221	0.000	0.412	0.218	0.219	0.000	0.437	0.331	0.290	0.000	0.621	0.146	0.267	0.000	0.413	0.049	0.097	0.000	0.146
76	0.155	0.231	0.000	0.386	0.141	0.085	0.000	0.226	0.484	0.370	0.000	0.855	0.224	0.246	0.000	0.470	0.085	0.076	0.000	0.161
78	0.260	0.072	0.000	0.333	0.193	0.055	0.000	0.248	0.473	0.171	0.000	0.644	0.299	0.141	0.000	0.440	0.088	0.032	0.000	0.120
80	0.067	0.064	0.000	0.131	0.095	0.080	0.000	0.175	0.240	0.117	0.000	0.357	0.207	0.123	0.000	0.331	0.032	0.036	0.000	0.069
82	0.174	0.027	0.000	0.202	0.084	0.020	0.000	0.104	0.316	0.081	0.000	0.397	0.291	0.078	0.000	0.369	0.058	0.031	0.000	0.089
84	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.067	0.019	0.019	0.000	0.037	0.232	0.041	0.000	0.273	0.147	0.030	0.000	0.176	0.035	0.004	0.000	0.039
86	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.079	0.016	0.000	0.095	0.088	0.009	0.000	0.096	0.137	0.009	0.000	0.146	0.021	0.018	0.000	0.039
88	0.072	0.000	0.000	0.072	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.013	0.071	0.000	0.000	0.071	0.114	0.032	0.000	0.146	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
90	0.020	0.005	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.082	0.006	0.000	0.087	0.028	0.004	0.000	0.032
92	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.052	0.005	0.000	0.057	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.002
94	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.004
96	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
98	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
102	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
104	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
106	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
108	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
110	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
112	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
114	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
116	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
118	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
120	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
122	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
124	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000							

Table 15. White hake mean catch (kg) and SD by stratum. Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. n.s. means stratum not surveyed.

	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	White hake	White hake	White hake	White hake	White hake	White hake	White hake	White hake	White hake	White hake
Stratum	Mean catch	SD	Mean catch	SD	Mean catch	SD	Mean catch	SD	Mean catch	SD
353	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.07	1.54	2.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
354	0.02	0.03	20.45	28.28	0.13	0.22	45.38	47.93	2.45	4.24
355	4.89	4.96	24.11	6.21	47.52	42.40	26.55	6.12	21.15	24.23
356	7.90	0.28	9.58	5.06	29.95	33.02	17.15	16.48	11.87	6.70
357	5.96	8.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.32	1.87	4.54	6.4
358	2.34	3.31	3.99	6.92	0.00	0.00	2.18	1.94	2.03	3.51
359	0.01	0.02	1.48	2.53	6.08	14.91	4.05	5.44	1.08	2.58
360	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
374	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
375	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
376	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
377	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
378	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.82	2.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
379	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.43	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.00
380	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.96	0.56	0.79	0.00	0.00
381	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
382	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
721	11.48	12.89	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.69	4.53	1.88	2.99	4.22
722	0.00	0.00	1.70	2.40	0.00	0.00	0.65	0.91	1.15	1.63
723	2.01	2.84	3.03	4.29	3.75	5.30	1.64	0.22	2.79	2.55
724	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
725	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
726	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
727	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
728	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
752	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
753	n.s.	n.s.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
754	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
755	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
756	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
757	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
758	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
759	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
760	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
761	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
762	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
763	n.s.	n.s.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
764	n.s.	n.s.	0.29	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
765	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
766	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
767	n.s.	n.s.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table 16. White hake survey biomass (t) by stratum in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. n.s. means stratum not surveyed.

Strata	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Strata	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
353	0	1	37	0	0	725	0	0	0	0	0
354	0	437	3	992	46	726	0	0	0	0	0
355	32	153	307	175	119	727	0	0	1	0	0
356	33	39	125	72	42	728	0	0	0	0	0
357	87	0	0	18	57	752	0	0	0	0	0
358	47	78	0	44	35	753	n.s.	0	0	0	0
359	0	54	222	144	35	754	0	0	0	0	0
360	0	0	4	0	0	755	0	0	0	0	0
374	0	0	0	0	0	756	0	0	0	0	0
375	0	0	0	0	0	757	0	0	0	0	0
376	0	0	0	0	0	758	0	0	0	0	0
377	0	0	0	0	0	759	0	0	0	0	0
378	0	0	22	0	0	760	0	0	0	0	0
379	0	0	3	0	0	761	0	0	0	0	0
380	0	0	6	5	0	762	0	0	0	0	0
381	0	0	0	0	0	763	n.s.	0	0	0	0
382	0	0	0	0	0	764	n.s.	3	0	0	0
721	66	0	3	26	15	765	0	0	0	0	0
722	0	13	0	5	7	766	0	0	0	0	0
723	28	43	52	23	33	767	n.s.	0	0	0	0
724	0	0	0	0	0						

Table 17. White hake survey biomass (t) with SD and stratified mean catch per tow (kg) and SD by in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2001-2014.

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Biomass	3498	1784	688	940	2082	1073	440
SD	1107	389	224	464	1270	407	94
MCPT	5.13	2.03	0.75	1.03	2.34	1.26	0.56
SD	1.87	0.43	0.24	0.52	1.44	0.48	0.12

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Biomass	74	610	293	822	784	1503	389
SD	46	73	117	361	308	613	131
MCPT	0.08	0.61	0.34	0.91	0.86	1.64	0.49
SD	0.05	0.08	0.14	0.40	0.34	0.67	0.17

Table 18. White hake length weight relationships in Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2010-2014. E(x) means Error of the parameter x.

	Males						Females						Indet.					
	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N	a	b	E(a)	E(b)	R2	N
2010	0.00310	3.21865	0.2034	0.0543	0.997	13	0.00188	3.37344	0.1809	0.0446	0.998	16	0.00200	3.35062	0.1566	0.04	0.997	29
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00337	3.21512	0.1448	0.0382	0.994	122
2012	0.00340	3.20604	0.2635	0.0682	0.995	42	0.00186	3.36229	0.4467	0.1162	0.991	27	0.00327	3.21907	0.2547	0.0649	0.994	69
2013	0.00336	3.19379	0.1347	0.0358	0.995	100	0.00157	3.38530	0.1715	0.0438	0.992	110	0.00237	3.28346	0.1089	0.029	0.996	210
2014	0.01681	2.79697	0.7591	0.192	0.902	50	0.00169	3.39285	0.7146	0.1792	0.973	19	0.01320	2.85934	0.6838	0.1732	0.901	69

Table 19. White hake mean number per tow by year in Spanish Spring Surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2001-2014. Indet. means indeterminate.

	2001				2002				2003				2004				2005			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	5.462	4.544	0.015	10.022	1.511	1.091	0.000	2.602	0.387	0.295	0.000	0.682	0.480	0.447	0.000	0.927	0.953	0.579	0.000	1.532
	2006				2007				2008				2009				2010			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
MNPT	0.512	0.172	0.000	0.684	0.115	0.161	0.000	0.275	0.025	0.012	0.000	0.037	0.184	0.208	0.002	0.394	0.078	0.085	0.000	0.162
	2011				2012				2013				2014							
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total				
MNPT	0.000	0.000	0.882	0.882	0.676	0.418	0.000	1.094	0.877	0.891	0.000	1.768	0.272	0.117	0.000	0.389				

Table 20. White hake mean number per tow by length class and year. Spanish Spring Survey in NAFO 3NO: 2010-2014. Indet. means indeterminate.

Lenght (cm)	2010				2011				2012				2013				2014			
	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total	Males	Females	Indet.	Total
10	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
12	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
14	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
16	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.008	0.000	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
18	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
20	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.018	0.017	0.026	0.000	0.044	0.059	0.019	0.000	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
22	0.009	0.008	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.022	0.022	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.070	0.047	0.000	0.117	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
24	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.025	0.026	0.000	0.000	0.026	0.064	0.094	0.000	0.158	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
26	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.017	0.031	0.036	0.000	0.067	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
28	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.037	0.037	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
30	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.047	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.005	0.012	0.012	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.059	0.059	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.004
34	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.069	0.012	0.018	0.000	0.030	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.016
36	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.076	0.076	0.044	0.032	0.000	0.076	0.016	0.016	0.000	0.031	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.008
38	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.046	0.046	0.083	0.041	0.000	0.124	0.042	0.019	0.000	0.061	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
40	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.074	0.074	0.088	0.054	0.000	0.142	0.013	0.016	0.000	0.028	0.012	0.016	0.000	0.028
42	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.036	0.036	0.098	0.068	0.000	0.166	0.048	0.042	0.000	0.090	0.008	0.016	0.000	0.024
44	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.082	0.054	0.000	0.136	0.077	0.024	0.000	0.101	0.013	0.002	0.000	0.016
46	0.004	0.002	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.018	0.000	0.039	0.051	0.045	0.000	0.096	0.010	0.014	0.000	0.024
48	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.007	0.054	0.021	0.000	0.075	0.041	0.040	0.000	0.082	0.026	0.012	0.000	0.038
50	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.012	0.018	0.009	0.000	0.028	0.058	0.072	0.000	0.130	0.036	0.000	0.000	0.036
52	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.020	0.014	0.004	0.000	0.017	0.065	0.059	0.000	0.124	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.016
54	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.004	0.008	0.007	0.000	0.015	0.020	0.077	0.000	0.097	0.016	0.006	0.000	0.022
56	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.020	0.009	0.015	0.000	0.025	0.021	0.042	0.000	0.062	0.025	0.007	0.000	0.033
58	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.029	0.029	0.013	0.002	0.000	0.015	0.023	0.038	0.000	0.061	0.018	0.003	0.000	0.021
60	0.004	0.003	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.049	0.009	0.004	0.000	0.013	0.020	0.027	0.000	0.047	0.028	0.002	0.000	0.031
62	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.028	0.013	0.002	0.000	0.015	0.010	0.016	0.000	0.026	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
64	0.032	0.000	0.000	0.032	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.010	0.006	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.027	0.000	0.027	0.024	0.013	0.000	0.037
66	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.028	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.015	0.008	0.000	0.023	0.004	0.020	0.000	0.023
68	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.005	0.002	0.000	0.007	0.002	0.014	0.000	0.017	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.002
70	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.024	0.012	0.004	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002
72	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.020	0.006	0.002	0.000	0.008	0.005	0.011	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
74	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.008	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002
76	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
78	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.016	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.006
80	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
82	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.023	0.000	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
84	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
86	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
88	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	0.078	0.085	0.000	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.882	0.882	0.676	0.418	0.000	1.094	0.877	0.891	0.000	1.768	0.272	0.117	0.000	0.389
N° samples:				10				14				12				20				12
N° Ind.:	14	16	0	30	0	0	156	156	156	98	0	254	145	139	0	284	54	23	0	77
Sampled catch:				562				149				217				274				109
Range:				20-84				20-84				20-89				13-89				33-79
Total catch:				69				161				217				276				110
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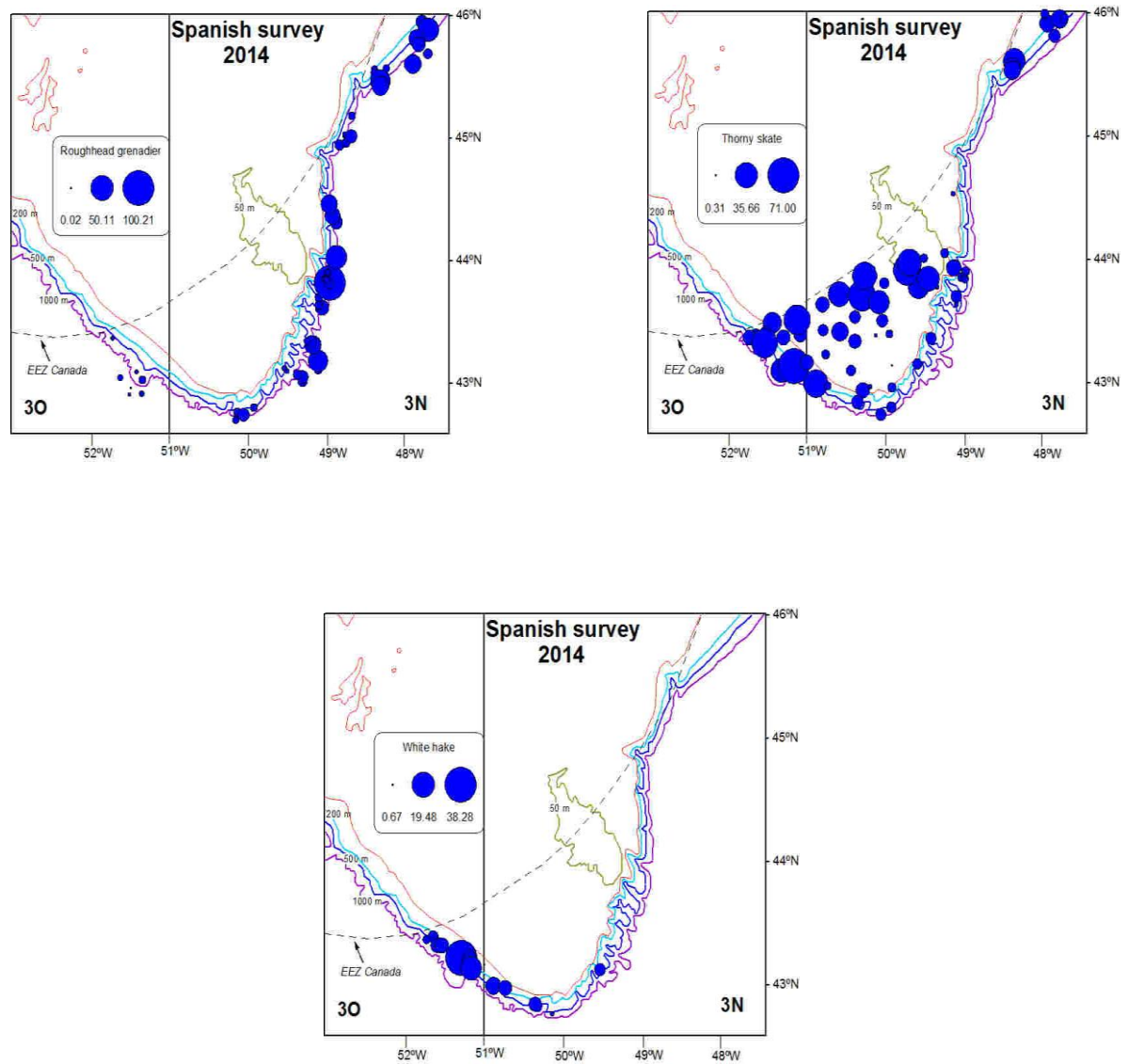


Figure 1. Position of the hauls and the catch of roughhead grenadier, thorny skate and white hake during the 2014 Spanish 3NO survey. Note that the scale is different in the three graphs.

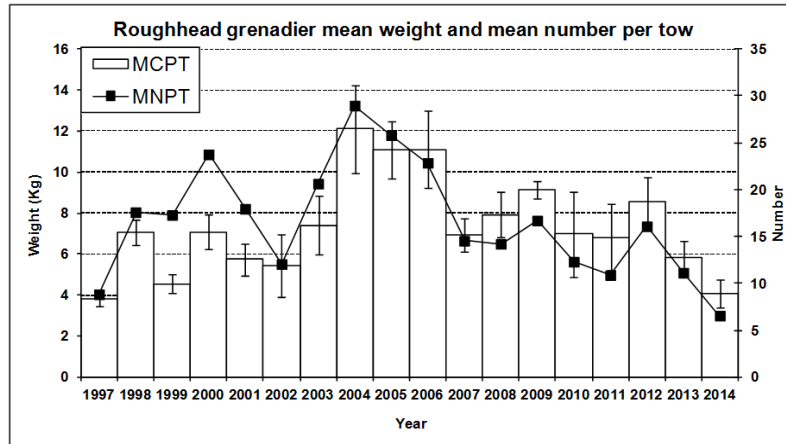


Figure 2. Roughhead grenadier stratified mean catches in Kg and \pm SD by year and mean number by year. Spanish Spring surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014

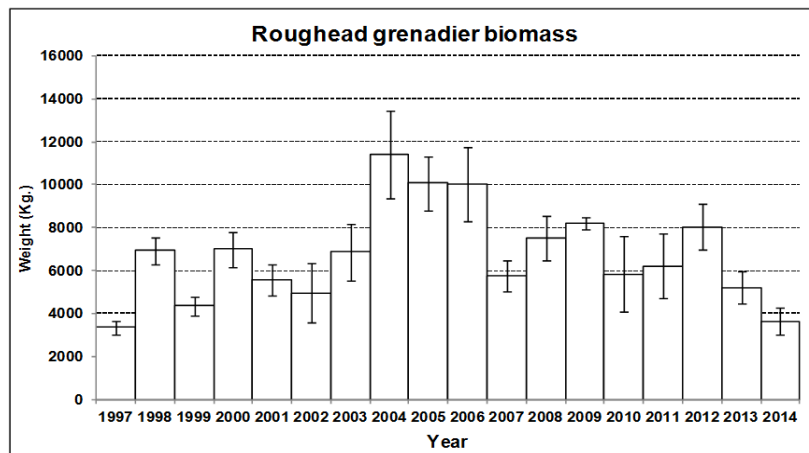


Figure 3. Roughhead grenadier biomass calculated by the swept area method in tons and \pm SD by year. Spanish Spring surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014.

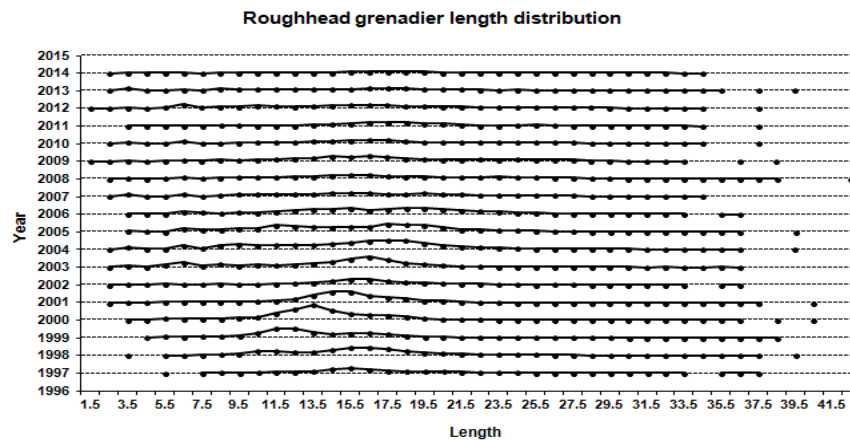


Figure 4. Roughhead grenadier mean catches per tow length distribution (cm) on NAFO 3NO: 1997-2014. Data from 2010 to 2014 are in Table 8; data for 1997-2009 can be seen in SCR Doc 13/12.

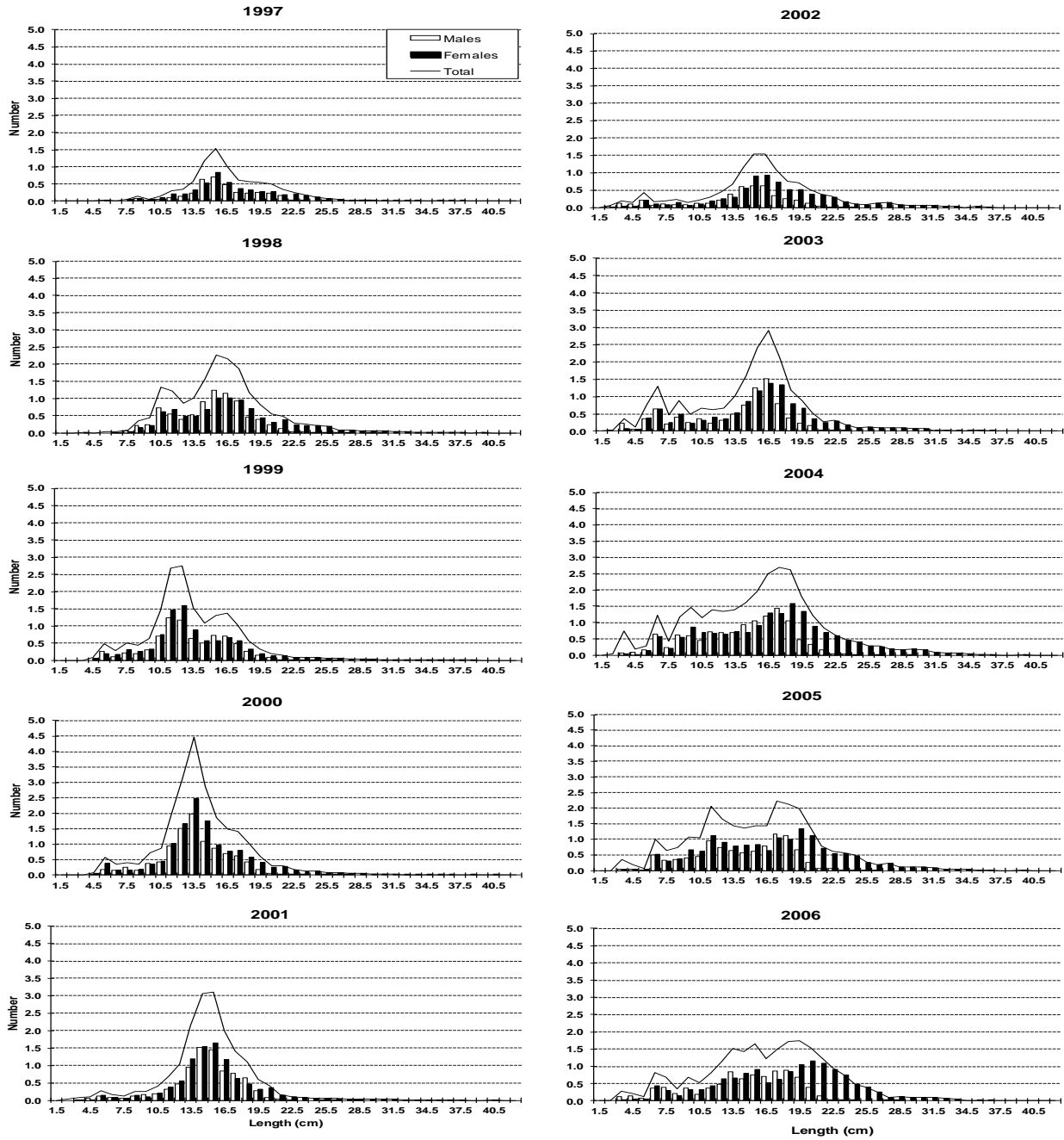


Figure 5. Roughhead grenadier length distribution (cm) on NAFO 3NO: 1997-2014. Mean catches per tow number. Data from 2010 to 2014 are in Table 8; data for 1997-2009 can be seen in SCR Doc 13/12.

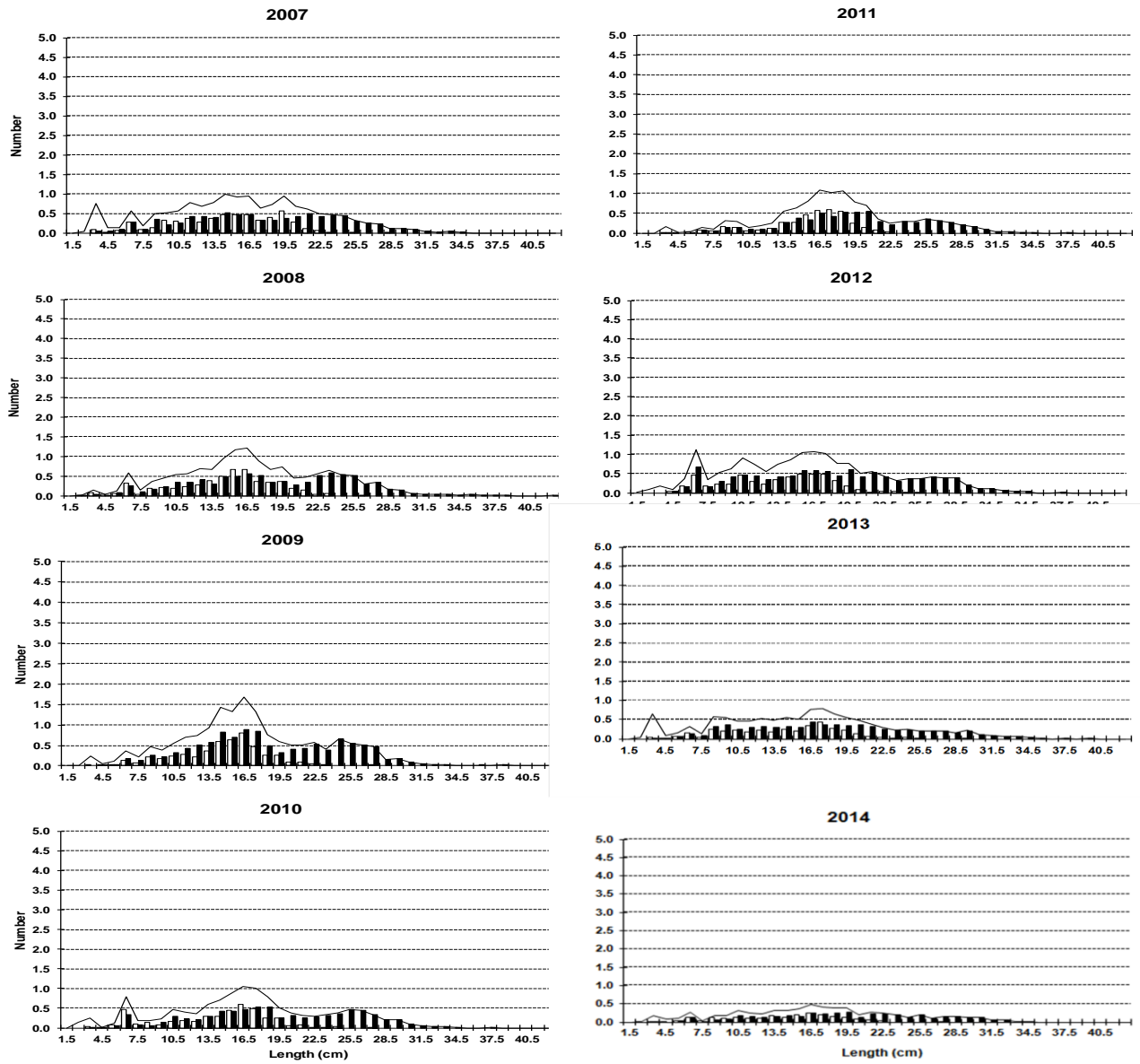


Figure 5 (cont.) Roughhead grenadier length distribution (cm) on NAFO 3NO: 1997-2014. Mean catches per tow number. Data from 2010 to 2014 are in Table 8; data for 1997-2009 can be seen in SCR Doc 13/12.

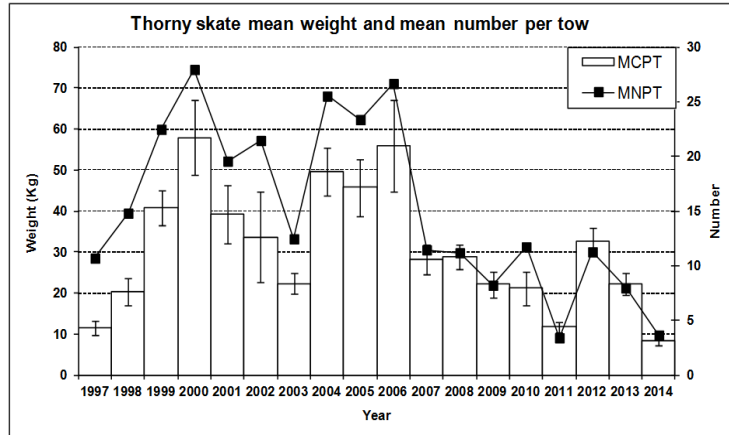


Figure 6. Thorny skate stratified mean catches in Kg and \pm SD by year and mean number by year. Spanish Spring surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 1997-2014.

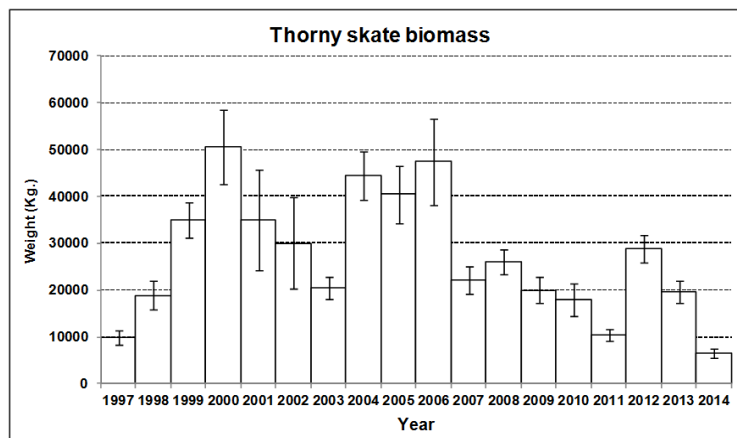


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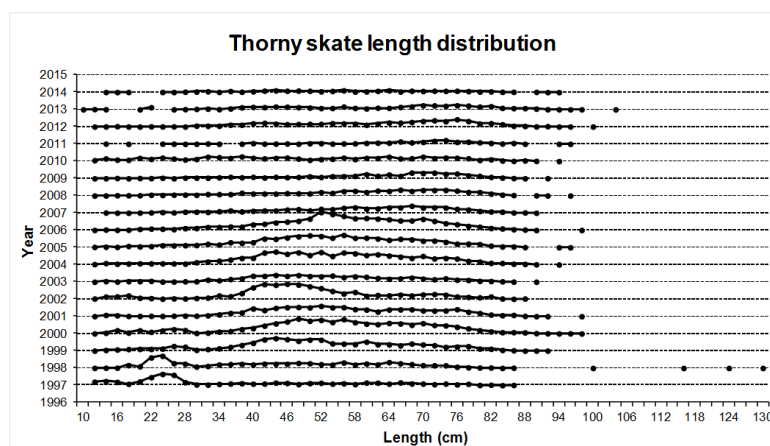


Figure 8. Thorny skate mean catches per tow length distribution (cm) on NAFO 3NO: 1997-2014. Data from 2010 to 2014 are in Table 14; data for 1997-2009 can be seen in SCR Doc 13/12.

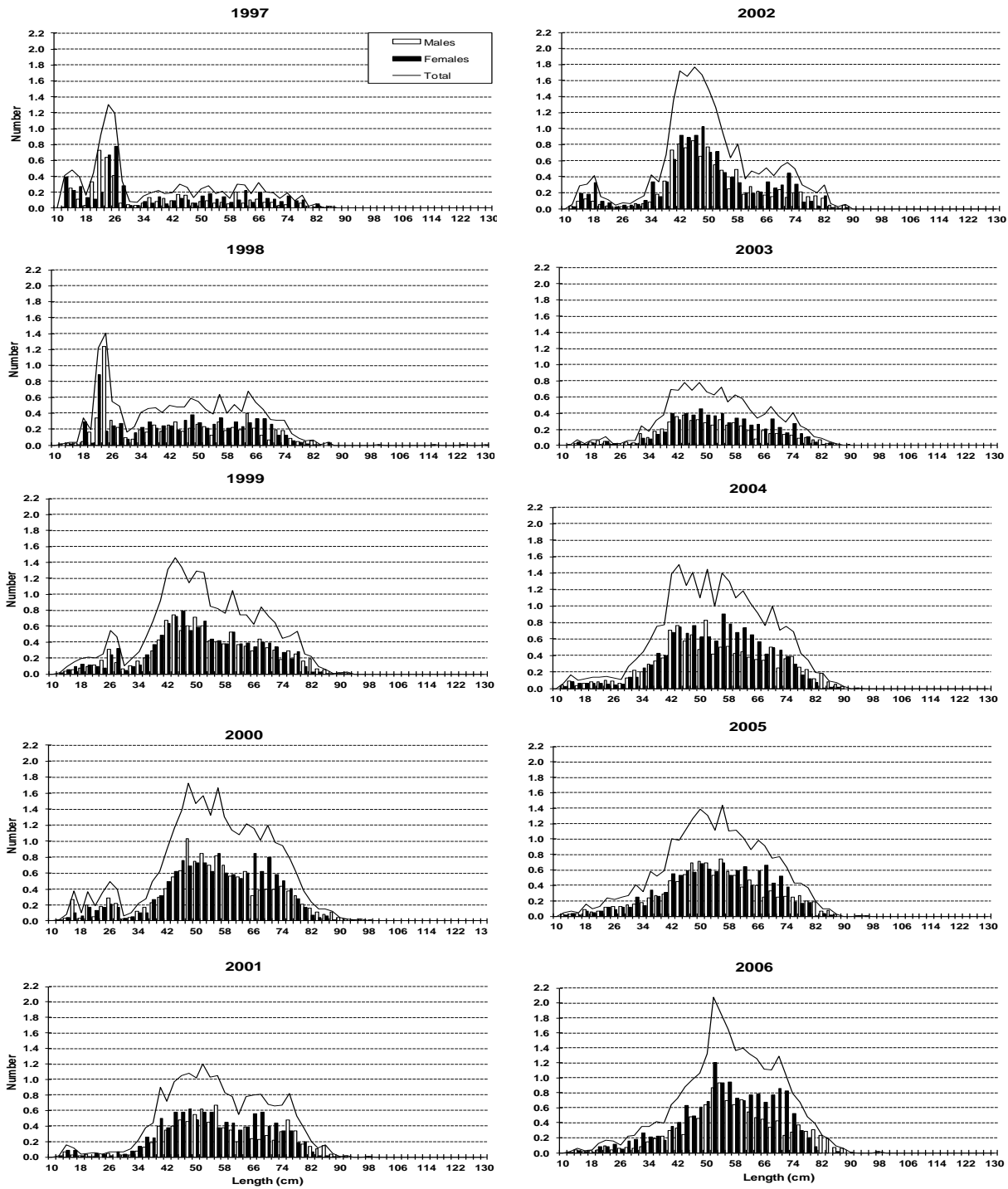


Figure 9. Thorny skate length distribution (cm) on NAFO 3NO: 1997-2014. Mean catches per tow number. Data from 2010 to 2014 are in Table 14; data for 1997-2009 can be seen in SCR Doc 13/12.

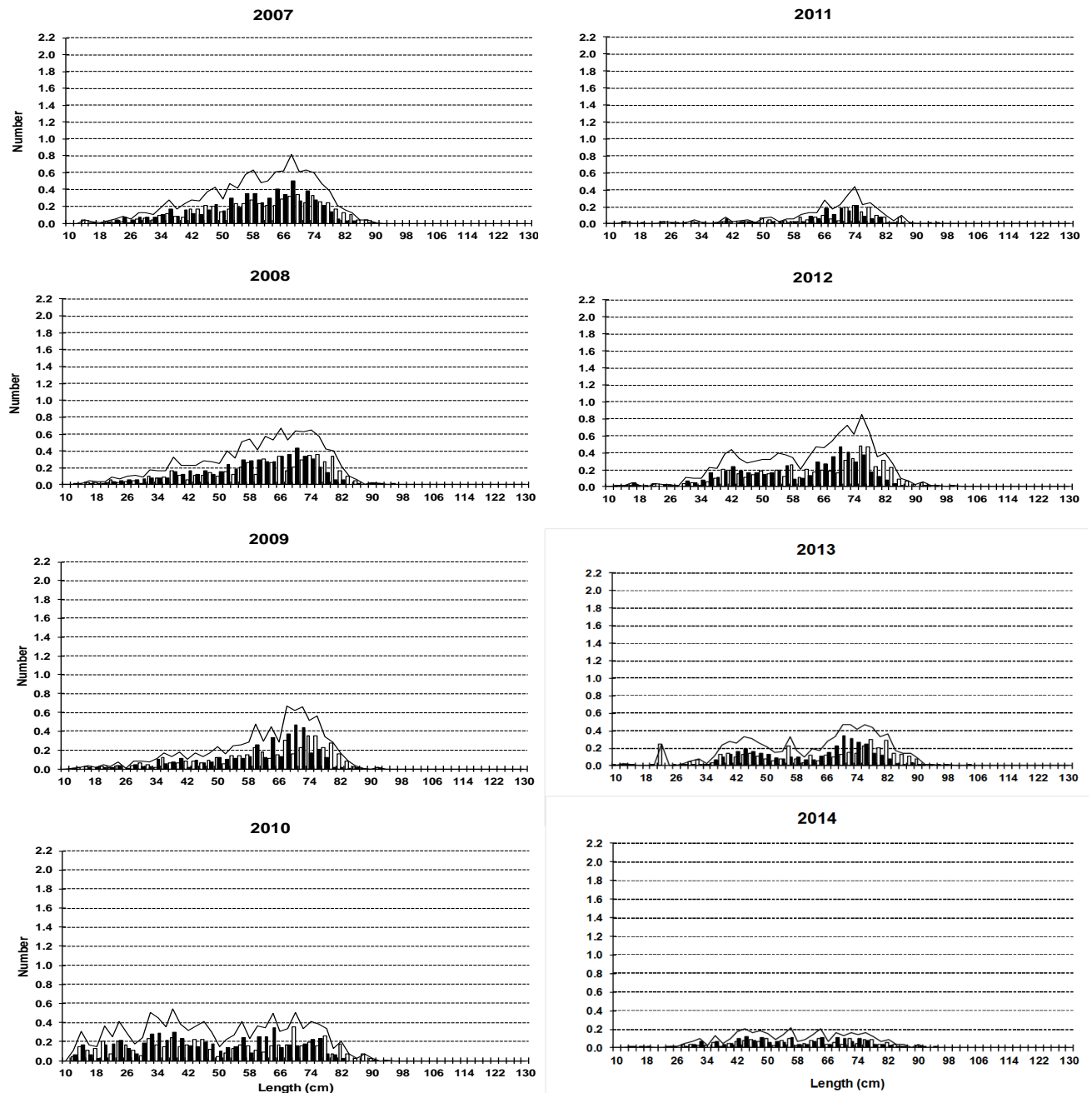


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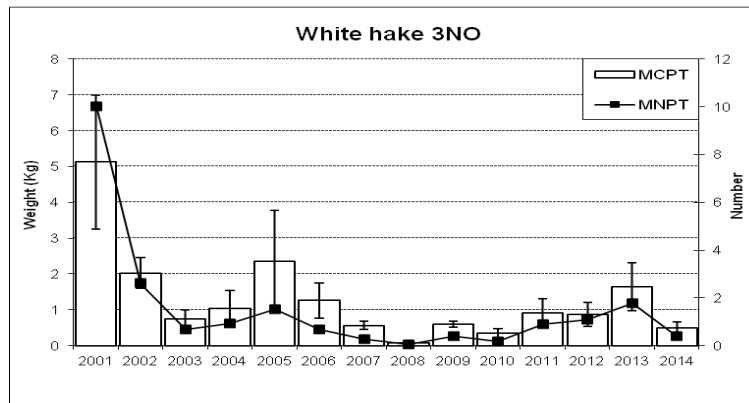


Figure 10. White hake stratified mean catches in Kg and \pm SD by year and mean number by year. Spanish Spring surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2001-2014.

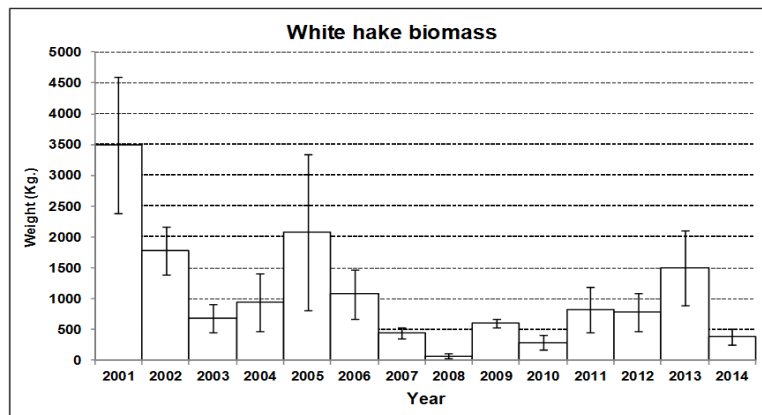


Figure 11. White hake biomass calculated by the swept area method in tons and \pm SD by year. Spanish Spring surveys in NAFO Div. 3NO: 2001-2014.

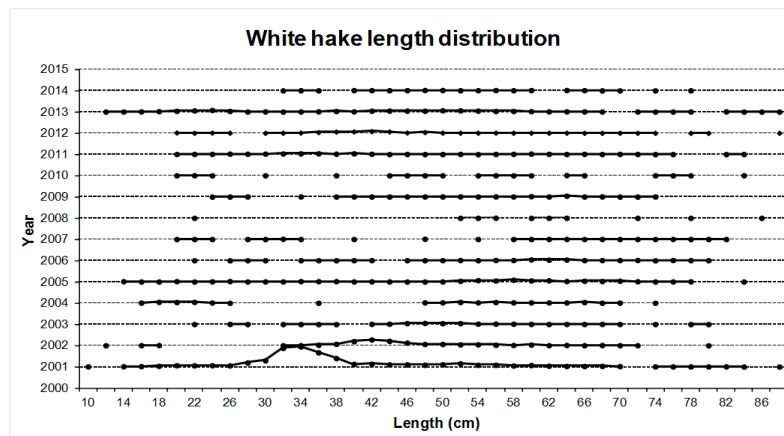


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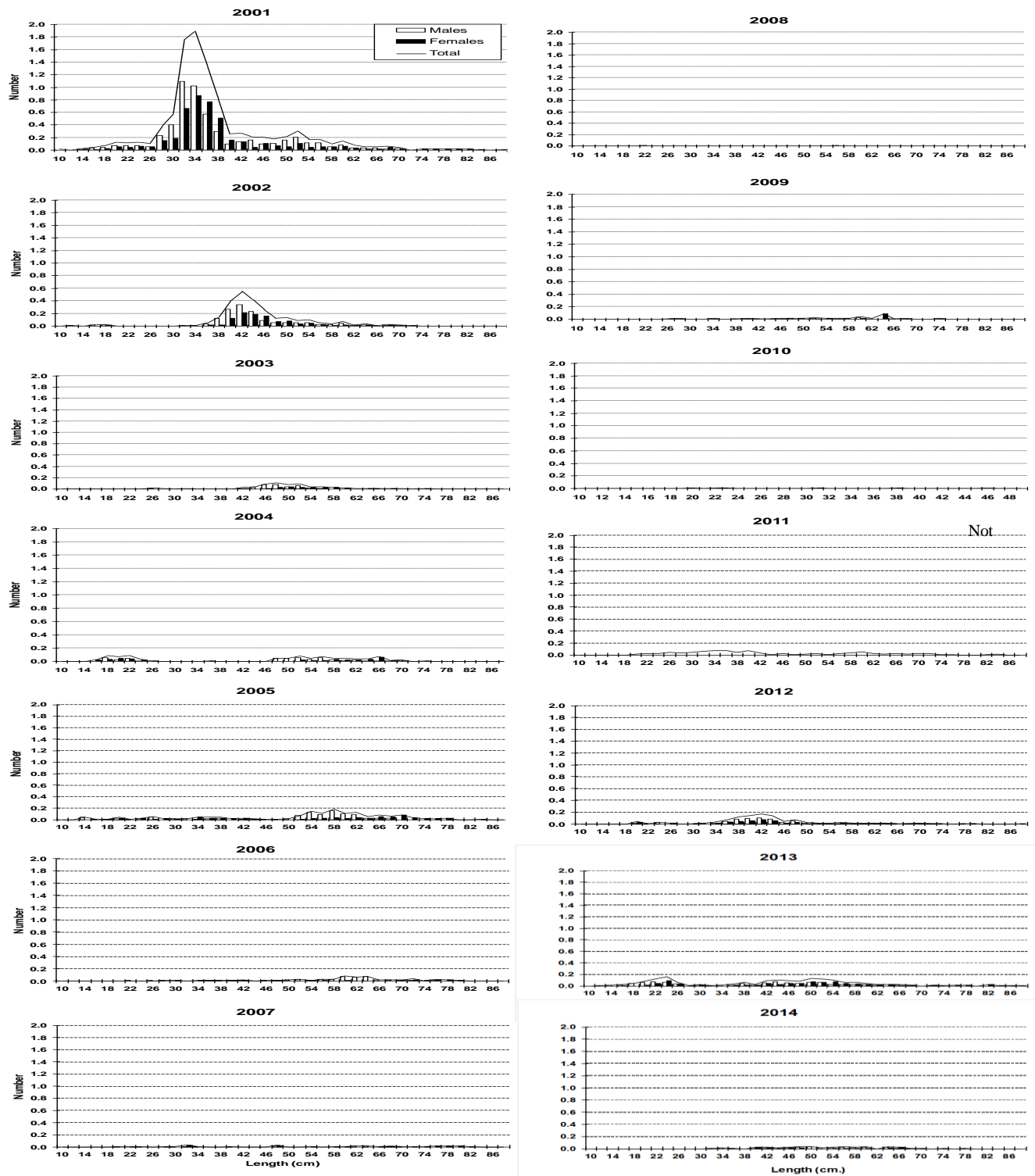


Figure 13.

White hake length distribution (cm) on NAFO 3NO: 2001-2014. Mean catches per tow number. Data from 2010 to 2014 are in Table 20; data for 2001-2009 can be seen in SCR Doc 13/12.